<u>REMARKS</u>

Claims 1-24 and 36-63 were subject to a requirement for restriction. More specifically, the Examiner restricted the claims to one of the following groups:

Group II-A: Claims 1-24 and 36-38; and

Group II-B: Claims 39-63.

Applicant elects **Group II-A** (claims 1-24 and 36-38) without traverse for prosecution in the instant application.

Applicant notes that in the Office Action, a page 2, the Examiner states that Group II-A includes "claims 1-24 and 36-39" and that Group II-B includes "claims 39-63". Applicant believes that claim 39 belongs in Group II-B, and that Group II-A should include claims 1-24 and 36-38.

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CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully requests entry of this response prior to examination on the merits. Please charge any shortages and credit any overages to Deposit Account No. 02-2666.

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